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1. The USSR established a consulate general in Mukden in February 1949, but the Chinese Communist authorities made no official announcement of the fact. Listov is consul general, with a staff of thirty Soviet employees; no Chinese are attached to the office. Another official, of high but not clearly determined rank, arrived in July 1949. The consulate, which was for a time in the Russian Emigrants' Association Building on Ma Lu Wan (馬路灣), moved to Szu Ching Lu (四經路). The Mukden consular office is senior to the Harbin consulate.*
2. The Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs also has an official representative in Mukden: Verilalovsky**, who lives on the ground floor of the International (Auo Chi 國際) Building, the former Japanese Kokusai Building.
3. The Torgpredstvo offices which were on Wu Wei Lu (五緯路) are still there, with Ivkin as the chief representative.*** Some of the Torgpredstvo offices are now in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, where a few Soviet businessmen reside. Among these are a representative of a Soviet rubber-manufacturing company, a representative of GAZ (Gorkovski Avtomobilny Zavod - Gorky Automobile Plant), and Golovitor**, manager of the Soviet Petroleum Company. About twenty Soviet chemical engineers, who arrived in Mukden in August 1949, and a large, but unspecified, number of Soviet troops are billeted in the T'ieh sei (鐵西) Mining and Industrial Company Building.****
4. About three hundred Soviet railway guards, who arrived in Mukden in late summer 1949, are billeted in the Youth Hostel (青年賓館) near the railway station. A combination dining hall and club in the station on Nanking street is reserved for their use. These guards wear black uniforms with a green stripe on the trousers, black shoulder boards with two lines in gold thread, and a cap with green piping around the top and five red stars as insignia. The discipline of these guards is fairly good.*****
5. Soviet residents of Mukden, who are mostly from Port Arthur, Dairen and the USSR, must obtain travel permits from the Soviet consulate in Mukden in order

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to visit other parts of Manchuria or China. Non-Soviet Russians must apply to the Chinese Communist authorities for travel papers. First-class coaches on trains in Manchuria are reserved for Soviet troops and high-ranking Chinese Communist officials.

6. Non-Soviet Russians in Manchuria are not allowed to leave the area, as a rule, and are generally much restricted in their activities. They are mostly employed as laborers, live under very poor conditions, and are kept under close surveillance by the Chinese authorities. However, White Russians who are working for the Soviets have the same privileges as Soviet citizens. They appear to be employed mainly as intelligence agents who observe Chinese Communist government officials and their activities; because of their position they are arrogant and present difficulties for the Chinese police.
7. Although ostensibly the Chinese Communists have welcomed the Soviets, in private they complain about the treatment they receive from their guests. The population in general feels that the important Chinese Communists have left Manchuria for China proper and abandoned the area to the mercy of the Soviets.

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There appears to be an error in the first address given for the alleged consulate general: the Russian Emigrants' Association had its headquarters on Yamato Circle; the Soviet Citizens' Club was on Ma Lu Wan. The USSR consulate is now on San Ching Lu.

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Comment. The opening of a Soviet consulate in Harbin was officially announced in late October 1949.

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Comment. The name is given as it was received in English.

Comment. Torgpredstvo formerly had two offices in Mukden: one on the main street in the Dalbank Building, and another in a separate building. M. A. Ivkin has been previously identified as a Torgpredstvo employee.

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Comment. Previous information on the Torgpredstvo offices in Mukden indicates that there were two: in the Dalbank Building on Yamato Circle, and on Chungshan Road.

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Comment. "T'ieh hsi" is the name for an industrial district in Mukden, which lies west (西) of the railroad (铁路).

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Comment. From the description of the uniform, these appear to be MVD security troops, but it is not clear whether they are railroad police or border guards.

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